

NATIONAL VACCINE ESTABLISHMENT.



ANNUAL REPORT

Of the National Vaccine Board to the Secretary of State  
for the Home Department; dated 17th February 1827.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ROBERT PEEI,  
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

SIR,

WE continue to use all possible diligence in extending the knowledge of the best process for effectual Vaccination, and to supply the means, as well as to suggest the mode, of accomplishing this object.

From the quantity of Vaccine Lymph distributed since our last Report, and from the accounts of our Correspondents, we are led to presume that this practice is becoming daily more general; and this inference is still further confirmed by the fact, that within the last twelve months only Five hundred and three Deaths have occurred from Small Pox within the Bills of Mortality; whereas, in the preceding year, Twelve hundred and ninety-nine Persons are recorded as having fallen victims to that loathsome disease. The whole of this difference ought not perhaps, in candour, to be attributed to the influence of Vaccination; for the Small Pox, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, assumed a peculiarly malignant character; and there were more instances of that distemper occurring *twice* in the same individual, than had ever been reported to us before. But when we reflect, that, before the introduction of Vaccination, the average number of Deaths from Small Pox, within the Bills of Mortality, was annually about Four Thousand, no stronger argument can reasonably be demanded in favour of the value of this important discovery. Nor can any more striking proof be given of the paternal care of Government, to protect the People at home and abroad from this destructive disease, than the establishment and maintenance of this Board.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your faithful Servants,

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President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

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